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BEAUPRE CALLS ON SECRETARIES ROOT AND HAY

Will Discuss Panama Affairs With President This Afternoon.

COLOMBIA MOVES TROOPS

Great Military Activity Reported at Cartagena and Savanilla.

Minister Beaupre called at the War Department this morning and had a short conference with Secretary Root concerning conditions in Colombia. From the War Department Mr. Beaupre went to Secretary Hay's home, where he remained for luncheon. This afternoon he has an engagement with the President at the White House.

Before leaving Washington Mr. Beaupre will call on General Reyes, the Colombian peace commissioner. The latter and Mr. Beaupre have been friends for a long time, and Mr. Beaupre said his call on the distinguished Colombian would be purely social, and would have nothing to do with the negotiations which General Reyes is conducting with the State Department.

Admiral Coghlan advised the Navy Department by cable this morning from Colon that there have been no developments on the Isthmus.

Activity in Colombia.

Great military activity is reported from both Cartagena and Savanilla. Colombia is said to be moving troops from the interior to these ports. The Colombian forces at Cartagena are now said to number 2,000.

Troops from the interior of Colombia also continue to move to Titumali, the base established on the Gulf of Darien, near the Panama line. Gen. Manuel M. Castro and several other prominent military leaders are said to have gone to Titumali.

FIRE DRIVES FAMILIES FROM BEDS IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Eleven families, occupants of the Universal Flat, in West Adams Street, were driven from their beds shortly after midnight by a fire that partly destroyed the building. The fire was discovered by Policeman Mitchell, who lived in the second flat. Loss, \$10,000.

WEST VIRGINIA COMPANIES CUT COAL AT THE MINE

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., Jan. 8.—The Fairmont Coal Company and the Clarksburg Fuel Company, operating practically all the mines in this section, have made a cut of 25 cents a ton on coal at the mine.

The development has outgrown the demand, and a further cut is anticipated. A cut in wages is also expected soon. The other mining regions in the State will no doubt follow the action in this section.

A COLLIER DEPARTS FROM BEIRUT WITH FUEL

The collier Alexander sailed from Beirut yesterday for Alexandria with fuel for the cruiser San Francisco. The collier will later go to Port Said for coal before returning to Beirut, where the flagship Brooklyn is looking after the interests of Americans in Asiatic Turkey.

LARGE CONTRIBUTION TO "CONSCIENCE FUND"

Unknown, but undoubtedly powerful, influences at work on a Chicago conscience produced visible results at the Treasury today. A draft arrived for the sum of \$250 from an unknown individual and was credited to the "Conscience Fund."

DEATH OF FRANK H. CHILDS, MARINE PHOTOGRAPHER

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 8.—Frank H. Childs, the noted marine photographer, died this morning of Bright's disease, after a long illness.

NEGRO DOCTOR FINED.

Dr. James C. Dowling, a negro physician, of 722 Third Street southwest, was this morning fined \$10 in Police Court for failure to report to the Health Office a death from diphtheria.

WEATHER REPORT.

Under the influence of low pressure, snow has fallen in the lake region, the middle Atlantic and New England States, and the upper Ohio valley; elsewhere fair weather has prevailed, except over eastern Florida, where light rain has fallen.

The Ontario depression will continue its easterly course, giving snow in eastern New York and the lower lake region tonight. Snow will continue in the lower lake region tomorrow, and rain is probable tomorrow in the Southwest. It will be somewhat colder in the lower lake region and the upper Ohio valley.

TEMPERATURE.

8 a. m. 27
12 noon 32
1 p. m. 36
2 p. m. 40

THE SUN.

Sun sets today 4:55 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow 7:29 a. m.

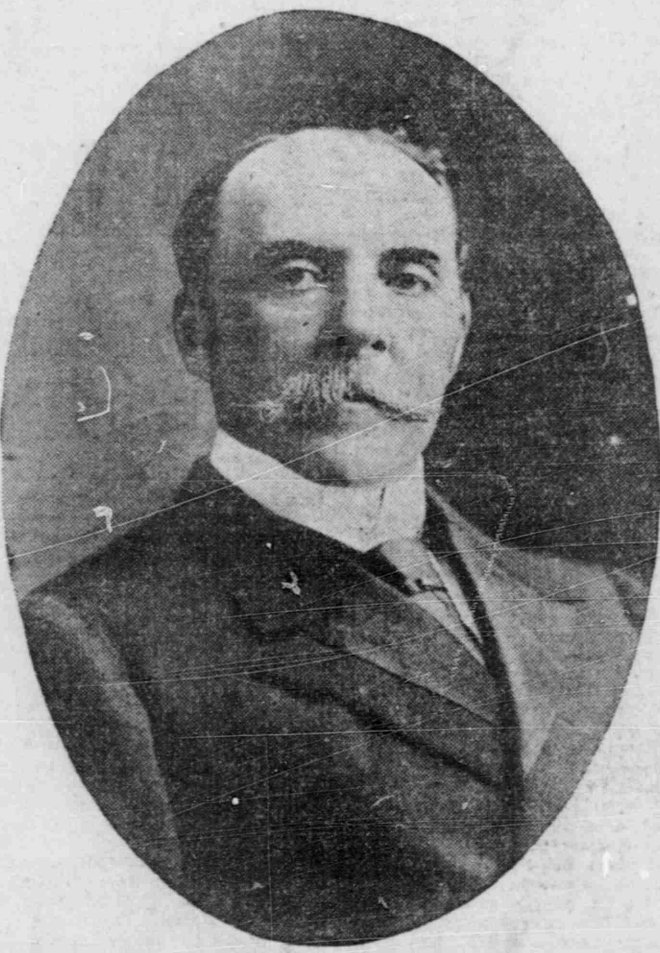
TIDE TABLE.

High tide today 12:17 a. m.
High tide tomorrow 12:38 a. m., 1:15 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow 1:45 a. m., 7:35 p. m.

BRITISH ENVOY'S LOCATION IN LINE CAUSES COMMENT

Sir Mortimer Durand, Detained by Carriage Crush at White House Reception, Reaches President After Some of the Lesser Diplomats.

SIR MORTIMER DURAND.



The President's reception at the White House last night, in honor of the Diplomatic Corps, was marked by a feature of most pronounced interest to the members of that punctilious body. The new British ambassador, Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, and his staff were absent from the position which official precedence accords them in the diplomatic line, and greeted the President after diplomatists of lesser rank had been received.

The absence of the new ambassador from his accustomed place of honor in the procession of diplomatists of the highest grade was due, it is said, to a carriage accident, and this delay was increased by having to proceed in the regular carriage line to the south portico entrance.

Ambassador Arrives.

It was 9:30 o'clock when the ambassador arrived, accompanied by Mr. Raikes, Mr. Wyndham, Mr. Dering, and the ladies of the party. Pending the arrival of their chief, the other members of the embassy staff waited in the state dining room, and were compelled to see nearly all the ministers and lesser functionaries of the corps precede them in greeting the President at the one formal evening reception of the year in their special honor.

When Ambassador Durand and his party reached the Red Room the minister from Peru was exchanging felicitations with the President. The British diplomatist then entered the line and presented his official compliments. Though the incident was regarded as most distressing from the standpoint of strict official etiquette, it was viewed as an unavoidable occurrence, entirely beyond the power of the ambassador to foresee or prevent.

King's Personal Representative.

The special significance of the incident, from the standpoint of strict official etiquette, lies in the fact that an ambassador represents the person of his sovereign, while a minister is only the diplomatic agent of the existing government of his country. In the hair-splitting customs of diplomacy the point might be raised, it is declared, that the absence of the King's representative

from his proper official position in line of precedence is of sufficient gravity to receive comment abroad.

Incidents in the past which were regarded as of slight importance in individual significance, have yet become the subject of diplomatic correspondence and explanation. The splendid impression made here by Sir Mortimer Durand, however, and his absolute freedom from any responsibility for the regrettable occurrence, according to the statement made, are expected to result in the dropping of the incident without any further comment, so far as the public is concerned.

Sir Mortimer and his staff left the mansion almost immediately after passing in line, making only a perfunctory stop "back of the line" to extend customary greetings to distinguished special guests of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt from other cities, and some of the notables from resident society.

Fortune Favored Turk.

The Turkish minister, Cheikh Bey, was another of the diplomatists who was caught in the carriage crush and much delayed. Fortune was on his side, however, and his late arrival did not cause him the regret unavoidable in his colleague's case.

Because the Sultan's representative has never been officially received by the President or State Department, his place is at the end of the Diplomatic Corps line, even in the rear of the minister from the new republic of Panama. Although Minister Cheikh arrived late with his secretary, therefore, he was still in time to reach the end of the line before it had passed the President.

Several attaches of European missions here found the difficulties of reaching the mansion were sufficient to upset all their nicely calculated plans for arriving in the season. They also arrived late, but were enabled to join the diplomatic line at some point in time to present comment from their colleagues or critical notice from those in the Blue Room. The absence of the British ambassador, however, was immediately noted and led to an amusing gossip throughout the evening.

PREVENTED A SHELLING OF PUERTO PLATA CITY

American and English Warships Refuse to Allow Insurgent Gunboats to Bombard Place.

The Bureau of Navigation received the following dispatch this morning from Commander Dillingham of the Detroit:

"Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo. 'Morales' gunboats delivered ultimatum and threatened bombardment of Puerto Plata, after twenty-four hours' notice.

"With the concurrence of Captain Robertson, of the English cruiser Palladus, I made such representations to both sides that they have agreed, the one not to bombard and the other not to fire on gunboats. All fighting will be confined to the land side of the town in the future. United States interests are secured. Have small parties landed at Sosua, and at consulate in Puerto Plata."

HANKERS FOR CONGRESS.

PETERSBURG, Va., Jan. 8.—Hon. James F. Epps, of Blackstone, Nottoway county, who represented the Fourth District of Virginia in Congress fourteen years ago, is out with a card announcing himself as a candidate for election to the Fifty-ninth Congress.

NEW IDEA FOR NAMING STREETS OF THE CITY

F. W. Franklin Suggests Nomenclature Based on Cities, Towns, Rivers and Indians.

F. W. Franklin has written to Chairman Babcock of the House District Committee, suggesting a plan for street nomenclature, which differs somewhat from the recommendations of the Commissioners. The Commissioners propose to use the names of eminent Americans. Mr. Franklin suggests that the streets north of the Capitol be divided into three series of names, the first representing eminent cities, the second American cities, and the third American geographical names, the second names of American Indian tribes and the third American battles.

Under Mr. Franklin's plan B Street north would be changed to Baltimore Street, and the first street beyond the boundary, perhaps Adam Street, and so on, while A Street south, would be Al-bergh Street, and C Street, Chesapeake Street, and so on.

JUDGE INSTRUCTS JURY TO ACQUIT C. H. DIETRICH

Accused Senator Found "Not Guilty" of Receiving a Bribe.

NOT IN OFFICE AT TIME

Nebraskan Owned Postoffice Site at Hastings—Other Charges Against Him.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 8.—Judge Vandeventer, in the circuit court this morning, instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty on the indictment against Senator Charles H. Dietrich, charging him with receiving a bribe in connection with the postoffice at Hastings.

The court ruled that Dietrich was not a Senator between March 23, 1901, when he was elected, and December 2, 1901, when he was sworn into the Senate. The alleged bribery occurred between the two dates.

Senator Dietrich was accused of a rather indirect form of bribery at Hastings. It was said that he owned property which was used as a postoffice. When the time came for the town to have a new postmaster, it is said that Mr. Dietrich, who had in the meantime been elected to the United States Senate, stipulated that whoever wanted his support for the nomination would have to agree to take over the fixtures in the building and pay a fair price for them. These fixtures were of no special value for any except post-office business, and the Senator's stipulation of their purchase was taken as demanding a bribe.

The Senator expressed great indignation when indicted, and demanded an early trial, which has just been concluded in his acquittal on a technicality.

LENGTHENS THE HOURS OF OFFICE WORKERS

Cabinet at a Meeting Today Adds Half an Hour to the Departmental Day.

The Cabinet reached a unanimous decision at the meeting today that the working day in all of the executive departments should be from 9 o'clock to 4:30, with a half hour out for lunch, or a half hour longer than at present.

General orders will be promulgated in each department to this effect. The change comes Monday. Many thousands of employees are affected.

The decision of the Cabinet was reached after a long session. It was said the order was practically the only subject of importance discussed. Even the Far Eastern problem had to give way before it.

The only modification that will be allowed will be on Saturdays. It was said the order was practically the only subject of importance discussed. Even the Far Eastern problem had to give way before it.

An important question is raised as to the effect of the new order on the employees of the District. It will probably not affect them.

SEEKING MORE MONEY FOR GUN FACTORY

Captain Pendleton, of the Navy Yard, Appears Before House Committee. Sensational Testimony.

Captain Pendleton, superintendent of the gun factory at the Washington Navy Yard, was before the House Committee on Naval Affairs today, and urged an appropriation to carry into effect a general plan which he outlined for increasing the capacity of the factory so as to enable it to produce all the guns necessary to equip ships in the navy now in course of construction, or to be hereafter built. He estimated that \$4,000,000 would be necessary to sufficiently enlarge the factory, and urged the committee to take the matter under consideration.

Captain Pendleton thought \$2,000,000 ought to be available as soon as possible. He said the Government could make guns for \$2,000,000 that it would be compelled to pay \$2,500,000 for to the Bethlehem and Midvale companies.

In this connection Captain Pendleton charged that the armor plate makers during the first five years of their contracts with the Government had earned enough to pay for all of their plants, with interest.

Captain Pendleton's remarks created somewhat of a sensation among the members of the committee.

DELEGATION TO HONOR QUAY AND PENROSE

A movement is on foot among Republican members of the Pennsylvania delegation in the House to entertain Senators Quay and Penrose at a banquet to be given some time this month.

DESPERATE FIGHT WAGED BY CONVICT WITH HIS KEEPERS

One Man Dead and Two Injured in Trenton Prison.

THE PRISONER A SUICIDE

Charles Brooks Hangs Himself After Beating and Shooting Guards.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 8.—One man is dead and two are seriously wounded as the result of a bloody conflict this morning at the prison when Charles Brooks, a desperate convict, attempted to escape.

The dead man is Brooks and the injured are Center Keeper John Fitzgerald, of New Brunswick, and Deputy William J. Harney, of the Whittaker Avenue, Trenton.

Brooks first struck Harney four blows over the head with an iron bar, felling him, bleeding and unconscious, to the stone floor. Then he tore the deputy's pistol from his pocket and rushed wildly to the center A "trusty" prisoner, who had seen the assault upon Harney at once pressed the alarm button, calling half a dozen deputies to the center.

The deputies reached the center at about the same time as Brooks, who began firing wildly with Harney's pistol. Center Keeper Fitzgerald, grabbing up a revolver, started from behind his desk, just as Brooks fired at him.

The bullet struck Fitzgerald in the hip and the wounded keeper reeled half way across the floor of the big apartment. Then standing himself he participated in the fight against the convict. More than a dozen shots were fired.

Brooks had emptied his revolver, but he thought one bullet remained, and with an awful oath he placed the weapon to his temple and pulled the trigger, in a vain effort at self-destruction.

Then the deputies closed in upon him, and while Fitzgerald and Harney were being carried to the prison hospital, Brooks, heavily manacled, was removed to the dungeon cell. He told one of the keepers that he had been shot, and the keeper, in turn, informed Head Keeper Osborne when the latter returned from the hospital.

Osborne at once ordered the dungeon opened, and Brooks to be given whatever attention he might require. Upon carrying out the commands of the head keeper, the attendants found Brooks swinging from an iron bar, suspended by his suspenders, which he had noosed about his neck, although he was handcuffed and apparently unable to use his arms.

The convict was unconscious when cut down, and he died a few minutes after being carried into the prison hospital.

County Physician R. R. Rogers, Jr., and Coroner William M. Disbrow were notified. The latter went at once to the prison, and the former will conduct a postmortem examination there this afternoon to determine whether it was strangulation or the shooting that caused the death of Brooks.

Fitzgerald was later removed to St. Francis Hospital and Harney taken to his home. The physician does not consider Fitzgerald's wound necessarily fatal unless internal hemorrhages should follow. It was thought at first that Harney's skull was fractured, but it is now believed that his injuries consist of a severe scalp wound.

CHAFFEE MADE CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF

His Nomination Sent to the Senate by the President This Afternoon.

The President today sent to the Senate the nomination of Maj. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee to the Lieutenant General, vice S. B. M. Young, who retires tomorrow.

The following brigadier generals were nominated to be major generals: William A. Kobbe, Joseph P. Sanger, Alfred E. Bates, Wallace F. Randolph, George L. Gillespie. All but the last named are to be immediately retired.

Col. Francis S. Dodge, assistant paymaster general, is nominated to be paymaster general, with the rank of brigadier general, vice Gillespie.

Col. John P. Story, Artillery Corps, is nominated to be chief of artillery, with the rank of brigadier general, vice Randolph.

The following colonels and lieutenant colonels were nominated to be brigadier generals: Alfred Mordcaid, Harry L. Haskell, Forest H. Hathaway, Asher C. Taylor, John C. Butler, Charles J. Allen, Theodore E. True, Frank M. Cox, Jacob Kline, William E. Dougherty, William S. McCaskey, Col. Albert L. Mills, superintendent Military Academy. All but the last two named are to be immediately retired.

SHOCKING CRUELTY TO HORSE.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Jan. 8.—Joseph Mavovick and Mike Evans, coal miners employed at the Ellsworth collieries, near here, were held for trial at court here, having been admitted that they fastened a chain in a balky horse's tongue and then pulled out that member.

BRITISH SOLDIERS IN CHINA READY FOR EMERGENCY

Troops in Hongkong May Be Sent to Guard Legation at Seoul.

HOPE OF PEACE IS ABANDONED

Cabinet at Tokyo Expected to Take Action Today on Russia's Answer.

HONGKONG, Jan. 8.—Two hundred and fifty British soldiers, members of the Sherwood Foresters, have suddenly been warned to hold themselves in readiness for service.

These troops are prepared for any emergency, and the transport is arranged for. Their destination is not known, but it is presumed they are going either to Peking or Seoul, Korea.

CARDIFF, Wales, Jan. 8.—There have been immense shipments of coal to the Far East in the past week. Forty-six thousand tons have been sent to Japan, 30,000 to Hongkong, and 40,000 to Port Arthur, where the Russian squadron lies.

ENGLAND ABANDONS HOPES OF PEACE IN FAR EAST

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Reports regarding the situation in the Far East today are remarkably unanimous in that the Russian attitude is hopelessly opposed to Japanese ideas of a settlement. Official circles, as a result, say they are unable to see even a possibility of peace, and would not be surprised at any time to hear that the first shot in the war had been fired. Europe could today be described as in an attitude of listening for that sound.

The feelings of the people in England and France are tinged with such anxiety as to the future attitude of their respective countries. While the beginning of hostilities would not bring out any specific action on the part of either country, there is little doubt that a continued fight would draw either or both of the countries into the imbroglio to a greater or less degree. Just how they would go is a question that cannot be settled until the test comes.

Cabinet Meets Today.

Today's cabinet meeting at Tokyo is expected to result in Japan taking a first step, probably the landing of some 25,000 troops in Korea, together with the sending of a final statement to Russia.

ASBESTOS CURTAINS STAND FIERY TEST

Chief Belt Pronounces Them Satisfactory—Audiences Could Vacate the Theater.

The asbestos curtains in the local theaters are as "fire-resistant" as any such curtains can be, according to a report made today by Fire Chief Belt to Commissioner Macfarland. Chief Belt, acting under instructions from the Commission, has just completed a test of the local curtains, assisted by Fire Marshal Sidney Bieher. The report says:

"A small piece of asbestos was cut from each sample obtained and placed in a red hot stove and allowed to remain for one minute, when it was removed and found to be absolutely fireproof. An iron frame was also provided, resembling in miniature the curtain opening of a theater, and the larger sample pieces were hung therefrom on a time and saturated with gasoline.

"Under the sample of curtain thus saturated was started a fire consisting of the most inflammable materials, such as kerosene, barrel staves, and other wooden substances, to which was added coal oil, this making an extremely intense heat. The asbestos was left for three and one-half minutes after the fire was started, when it was taken down and found to be absolutely fire-resistant.

"I therefore consider these curtains to be in good condition, and I am of the opinion that they will resist the flames for a sufficient length of time to allow audiences to properly vacate the theaters in case of fire therein.

"Samples from curtains at the National and Lafayette Theaters could not be obtained on account of the way in which they are hung, and I was obliged to test them in position. A torch was obtained and applied to the curtain and allowed to remain in different places of five inches in diameter from two and one-half to five minutes. It was fully one minute before the area of the curtain covered became red hot. These curtains also proved satisfactory."

WALDORF PROPRIETOR'S WIFE DIES SUDDENLY

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Mrs. George C. Boldt, wife of the proprietor of Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, died suddenly early today at her home, 8 East Thirty-seventh Street. She was seized with an attack of weakness at 10:30 p. m. yesterday and Dr. Calvin Adams, the family physician, was called. His efforts to restore her were of no avail. Mr. Boldt and Clover Boldt, their daughter, were at the bedside. Mrs. Boldt had been ill since last summer.

containing the "irreducible minimum" of Japanese acceptance. Tomorrow is overhung with war clouds.

It is said on good authority this morning that a note has been communicated to the various powers by Lord Lansdowne, British minister of foreign affairs, regarding the possibility of common action during the war, covering the general protection of Western lives, property and interests. It is said that Lord Lansdowne proposed that special ships belonging to each power be detailed for this purpose. Such a step would not affect the policy of any particular power. France, Italy, and America are expected to respond cordially to the suggestion.

ANSWER OF RUSSIA HAS BEEN RECEIVED

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister at London, today confirmed the report that Russia's reply to the Japanese demands had been received at Tokyo. He would disclose no details that would give an inkling as to its purport.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—News received here today indicates that Russia has made Japan concessions in Korea, thus increasing the prospects of an amicable settlement of the matters at issue between the two countries.

"WAR IS INEVITABLE," SAYS CHARLES DENBY, JR.

Charles Denby, Jr., foreign adviser to Gen. Yuan Shai Kai, commander-in-chief of the Chinese army and navy, has advised the general that war in the Far East is inevitable. Mr. Denby made a thorough investigation of the differences between Russia and Japan and consulted foreign representatives in Peking before sending this report to Gen. Yuan Shai Kai.

MR. SIMMONS SPEAKS ON CARMACK RESOLUTION

Says Senate Owe It to American People to Enter Upon Investigation of Postoffice Department.

The postoffice scandal furnished the subject of today's debate in the Senate. Immediately upon the conclusion of routine morning business, the Carmack resolution for an investigation by Congress was laid before the Senate. This was in accordance with the agreement made by Senators on Wednesday, when Mr. Carmack, Mr. Gorman, Mr. Lodge, and other Senators participated in a "warm exchange" of views.

Mr. Simmons of North Carolina was recognized by the chair to speak in favor of an investigation by Congress. He made an impassioned speech, declaring Senators owed it, as a duty to the American people, to take such prompt action that no one could believe there was any determination to shield a single postoffice official guilty of any wrong. He said Congress was the guardian of the people's money, and should insist on a true account being made by all public servants.

Mr. Scott (Rep., W. Va.) today offered a resolution providing for the appointment of a board to investigate and report upon the practicability of constructing a sea-level canal across the Isthmus of Darien.

In asking that it be referred to the Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals, Mr. Scott declared that he had been and is now convinced that such a waterway is the only feasible project, and he presented figures to sustain his contention.

STILL AT WORK ON BOOKS OF INTERSTATE COMMISSION

Experts are still at work on the books of the Interstate Commerce Commission. So far, it is said, no discrepancies have been discovered. The investigation may be concluded tomorrow or Monday. The determination to extend the probing back into the affairs of the Commission since its organization has lengthened the investigation several days beyond the first time limit.

MISSOURI SOCIETY WILL HOLD JANUARY MEETING

The Missouri Society will hold a meeting at the Spanish War Veterans' Hall, 719 Sixth Street northwest, tomorrow night.

The Hon. William J. Stone will deliver an address, and Mrs. Champ Clark will give a recitation. A musical program has also been arranged.